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VIA FACSIMILE
CONFIRMATION VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mr. Andrew Hirshfeld
Director, Group 2150/2160
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Va. 22313-1450

Re: Inquiry re. US Patent Office processing of:
U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/885,485
Filed: June 20, 2001
Entitled: "GENERATING PATH CENTRIC TRAFFIC
INFORMATION FOR ANALYSIS USING AN ASSOCIATION OF
PACKET CENTRIC INFORMATION TO PATH CENTRIC
INFORMATION"
Applicants: Kaushik GHOSH et al.
Our Ref: Juniper-11

Dear Director Hirshfeld:

Although I have been a registered Patent Agent since 1992 and a Patent Attorney since 1995, this is the first time I have had to request the help of a Director. However, in this instance I feel compelled to do so given the troubling lack of responsiveness by both Examiner Barot and SPE Najjar.

In its decision dated July 12, 2007, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("BPAI") affirmed the anticipation rejection of claims 1-3, 15, 25 and 32-34,

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reversed the anticipation rejection of claims 16, 17, 19, 20 and 31, and reversed the obviousness rejection of claims 4 and 5. In accordance with MPEP 1214.06 (I)(B), the Examiner should have either:

(1) converted dependent claims (4, 6, 16-20, 26, 30 and 31) into independent form by Examiner's Amendment, cancel all claims in which the rejection was affirmed, and issue the application; or

(2) set a 1-month time limit in which appellant may rewrite the dependent claim(s) in independent form,

because the BPAI affirmed a rejection against independent claim 1 and reversed all rejections against a claim dependent thereon (namely, claims 4, 5, 16, 17, 19 and 20), because the BPAI affirmed a rejection against independent claim 25 and reversed all rejections against a claim dependent thereon (namely, claim 31) and because the period for further appeal expired. (See, MPEP 1214.06 (I)(B).)

When no communication was received from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office ("USPTO"), I left a voice message with Examiner Barot on November 30, 2007. ***This call was not returned.*** I again called and finally discussed the status of this application with Examiner Barot on January 9, 2008 and explained that the Examiner should have proceeded (and should proceed) in accordance with MPEP 1214.06 (I)(B). The Examiner's position was that this application should have been abandoned. I disagreed. When ***nothing further was received from the USPTO*** I left a voice

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message with Examiner Barot on March 13, 2008. ***This message was not returned.***

When nothing further was received from the USPTO, I filed a Formal Status Inquiry Request on May 20, 2008, followed by Second and Third Formal Status Inquiries on January 6, 2009 and April 17, 2009, respectively. Copies of these Requests are available on Private PAIRS.

When ***still nothing was received from the USPTO***, on May 28, 2009, I telephoned SPE Najjar requesting the status of this application. SPE Najjar indicated that this application was abandoned in November 2007 and that a Notice of Abandonment was mailed. I informed SPE Najjar that we did not receive a Notice of Abandonment in this application, and noted that such a Notice of Abandonment was not listed in Private PAIRS. (It still isn't, as shown in the "Transaction History" and "Image File History" of Private PAIRS, both enclosed.) SPE Najjar agreed, but noted that it was in the PALM system of the USPTO.

Immediately following my conversation with SPE Najjar, I checked our mail log (which includes a listing of all incoming mailed correspondence) for the months of November 2007 and December 2007, and confirmed that my office had no record of having received the alleged Notice of Abandonment. I called SPE Najjar back and requested that the USPTO mail, or preferably fax, a copy of the missing Notice of Abandonment as we never received it and no copy

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is available on PAIRS. SPE Najjar indicated that the USPTO would send a copy.

Not having heard nor received anything since my May 28, 2009 discussions with SPE Najjar, I again telephoned him on July 10, 2009 and left a voice message that we still haven't received the alleged Notice of Abandonment and that I wanted this resolved within a week as both I and the applicants are frustrated with the delays in this matter. ***I still have not received a response (not a telephone call, fax, or letter)***; hence this letter to you.

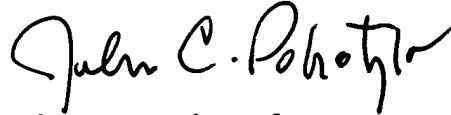
I regret having to trouble you with helping me to resolve this matter, but as you should appreciate, I feel I have exhausted other channels.

We look forward to receiving a prompt and appropriate response in accordance with MPEP 1214.06 (I)(B). Since the applicants have already been prejudiced by this delay (for which an appropriate patent term extension is requested), we request that if a Notice of Abandonment has in fact been mailed, it either be withdrawn, or this letter serve as a request to revive an unavoidably abandoned application, with no fee charged. We further request a resolution in accordance with MPEP 1214.06 (I)(B).

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any
questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John C. Pokotylo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Enclosures

09/885, **GENERATING PATH-CENTRIC TRAFFIC INFORMATION FOR ANALYSIS**
USING AN ASSOCIATION OF PACKET-CENTRIC INFORMATION TO
PATH-CENTRIC INFORMATION

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12-13-2004	WFEE	Fee Worksheet (PTO-875)	PROSECUTION	1
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11-08-2004	FWCLM	Index of Claims	PROSECUTION	1
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08-02-2006	Appeal Brief Review Complete
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05-03-2006	Notice of Appeal Filed
05-03-2006	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
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09-22-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner
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08-22-2005	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
04-21-2005	Mail Non-Final Rejection
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03-14-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner
12-20-2004	Response to Election / Restriction Filed
12-13-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW
11-11-2004	Correspondence Address Change
11-08-2004	Mail Restriction Requirement
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09-16-2004	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
06-16-2004	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete
07-21-2003	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
01-27-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
01-27-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
08-16-2001	Application Dispatched from OIPE
08-15-2001	Correspondence Address Change
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